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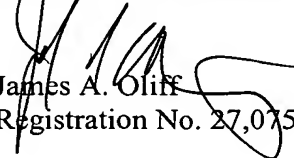
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS						
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	1.	US 6,278,358 B1	8/21/2001	SPOTO et al.		

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